

**Summary Minutes of the
Delta Protection Commission Meeting
Thursday, May 23, 2013**

Courtland Auditorium
146 Primasing Avenue
Courtland, California 95612

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

1. Call to Order/Flag Salute

Chair Nottoli called the meeting to order.

2. Welcome

Chair Nottoli welcomed the Commission, the public, and thanked Congressman Garamendi for coming.

3. Roll Call

Present: Chair Nottoli, Vice-Chair Ruhstaller, Commissioners Burgis, Ferguson, Ferrara, Miller, Piepho, Schubert, Scriven, Thomson, and van Loben Sels.

Absent: Commissioners Bugsch, Cabaldon, and McGowan.

A quorum was established.

4. Public Comment. Opportunity for the Public to Address the Commission On Items Not on the Agenda

Chair Nottoli asked for any public comment.

Cecile Giacomina, resident of Sherman Island, spoke against BDCP. She asked Chair Nottoli why he voted in favor of the Final Delta Plan. Chair Nottoli stated that his comments about the vote are on record and that he would be willing to discuss it further with her or others.

Chris Gulick, resident of Sherman Island, spoke regarding an upcoming levee project. He was concerned about funding for the road replacement after improvements to the levee. He produced a handout for the Commissioners. This topic will be added to our next Commission meeting agenda, per Chair Nottoli. DPC Executive Director Michael Machado commented that he and Chair Nottoli would consider drafting a letter to help Mr. Gulick have his concerns addressed.

Chair Nottoli proposed to move to Item 7 on the Agenda due to the Congressman's time constraints, and later return to Items 5 and 6.

REGULAR AGENDA

- 7.A Presentation from Congressman Garamendi proposing his six-point plan to address California's water problem as an alternative to the BDCP.**
Discussion with Commissioners followed.
- 7.B Presentation from the Five Delta County Farm Bureaus proposing their white paper on the principles that various proposals, including the BDCP, need to incorporate.**
Discussion with Commissioners followed.
- 7.C Presentation from Dr. Robert Pike proposing the West Delta Proposal as an alternative to the BDCP.**
Discussion with Commissioners followed.
- 7.D Presentation from the Environmental Water Caucus proposing their alternative to the BDCP – Barbara Barrigan-Parrilla from Restore the Delta and Bill Jennings Sportsman Fishing Association**
Discussion with Commissioners followed.

8. Discussion and Action on the Commission's Position on Implementation of the BDCP – Commissioner van Loben Sels

Chair Nottoli asked to have panelists answer any questions from the Public.

Chair Nottoli introduced Ex-Officio Commissioners Frazier and DeSauliner, who joined the meeting.

Jonas Minton reminded the Commission of the Portfolio Alternative that he presented to the Commission last January.

Chair Nottoli asked for public comments.

Rich Neilson questioned costs associated with rerouting gas lines in the way of Dr. Pyke's proposal. Dr. Pyke referred to Sherman Island utilities, and addressed different concepts of moving and replacing those utilities.

Mary McTaggart asked panelists questions regarding fortress levees and pump modification at South Delta. Panelists from the Environmental Water Caucus and Dr. Pyke responded.

Albert Medvitz expressed his opposition to the BDCP.

Tim Neuharth expressed his opposition to the BDCP.

Barbara Daly stated her opposition to the BDCP and urgently asked for the Commission's stand against BDCP. Panelists from the Environmental Water Caucus, Jonas Minton, and Dr. Pyke responded.

Mr. Roy Hogart described environmental issues, stated his opposition to the BDCP, and suggested a competition for fish screens and gates. He suggested marching on Sacramento or becoming the State of Franklin. Dr. Pyke responded. Mr. Hogart compared the BDCP to the Bay Bridge.

Commissioners each discussed their individual views and opinions on the BDCP.

Vice Chair Ruhstaller made a motion to oppose the BDCP as drafted and include the Commission's reasons and that they study all alternatives. It was seconded by Commissioner van Loben Sels. A roll call vote passed the motion with a 9-2 vote in favor of the motion with the two State Agency Commissioners voting Nay.

Commissioner Piepho made a motion to have the letter written and include in the letter: the outlines of DPC's specific mandates, indication that all alternatives are not included and need to be thoroughly analyzed, the local voice has been absent, the economic impacts are unclear and need to be mitigated and analyzed, that flows are a primary initial focus of the effort before project is defined, and that the BDCP is not a comprehensive solution to California's water needs. Commissioner van Loben Sels seconded the motion. A roll call vote passed the motion with a 9-0 vote with both State Agency Commissioners abstaining.

Chair Nottoli agreed that Executive Director, Michael Machado, of the Delta Protection Commission staff, should develop the letter opposing the BDCP and send it to President Obama, Governor Brown, California Senators Feinstein and Boxer, US Department of the Interior, US Environmental Protection Agency, US Fish and Wildlife Service, all other federal and state environmental agencies, and all California State Assembly and Senate members.

CONSENT AGENDA

5. Approval of March 28, 2013 Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Piepho moved to approve the Consent Calendar and Commissioner Miller seconded. All present voted in favor, with Commissioners Ferguson and Thomson abstaining.

REGULAR AGENDA

6. Presentation from William Croyle of the Dept. of Water Resources regarding the Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Recovery Program

Per Mr. Machado, this presentation was postponed until a future meeting.

9. Received Report from Executive Committee on the Recruitment Committee Process

Past Committees were discussed and Mr. Machado detailed the process of creating another and the function they will perform.

10. Take Action on Current Recruitment Committee Membership

Committee membership was discussed.

Commissioners Piepho, McGowan, Ferguson, Ferrara, and Burgis were selected as the Recruitment Committee in a motion by Commissioner van Loben Sels and seconded by Commissioner Burgis. A teleconference was acceptable to all. A unanimous vote was passed for Recruitment Committee Members selected and the teleconference option. Selected Commissioners will contact DPC staff with availability to schedule the Recruitment Committee meeting before the next Commission meeting.

11. Receive Report from the Executive Director

As part of his report, Mr. Machado introduced new additions to the DPC office staff naming Bree Kaminskas as the new Commission Clerk, as well as Natalie Smith and Raymond Costantino as Associate Environmental Planners. His complete report was handed out to the Commissioners.

12. Comments and Announcements from Commissioners

Commissioners congratulated Mr. Machado on his retirement and thanked him for his service.

13. Adjourn

Chair Nottoli adjourned the meeting.